

REMARKS

Claims 28-30 remain pending in the present application. Claim 28 has been amended. Claims 29 and 30 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 28 is objected to because of informalities. Claim 28 has been amended to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boudreau et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,369,681). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to define setting a centerpoint of a coverage area that is covered by all of the service systems. A service system typically comprises many base stations covering a continuous geographical area over which coverage is provided and all of the base stations operate in the same frequency band. The time required to search each band is onerous. Thus, the present invention enhances acquisition time by prioritizing the service systems to search for. A centerpoint of a coverage area which is covered by all of the service systems is thus not equivalent to a base stations location.

The '681 patent is directed to an infrastructure method of paging a mobile station (MS). A process whereby a base station (BS) to send out the page is selected as one which the MS is likely to hear from by relating statistically to where the MS last

registered. The '681 patent does not disclose, teach or suggest the setting of a centerpoint as now defined in Claim 28 and does not prioritize the service systems to include a highest priority system and a second highest priority system.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 28, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIMS

Claims 29 and 30 are dependent claims which Applicants believe properly further limit their respective base claim.

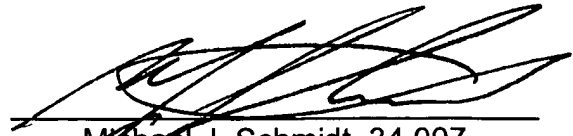
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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